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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed November 9, 2010, in the above identified patent application, the time period for reply which extends to May 9, 2011, please consider the following amendments and following remarks intended to place the application in clear condition for allowance. Applicants also submit herewith a Petition for Extension of Time with provision for the required fee requesting that the due date for response to the outstanding office action, which originally extended to February 9, 2011, be extended three (3) months to and including May 9, 2011. Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.